

## Broadways

### "Into The Woods - Act II Prologue: So Happy"

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NARRATOR

Once upon a time-  
later-

CINDERELLA

I wish...  
In that same far-off kingdom  
More than anything...  
Lived a young princess,  
More than life...  
The lad Jack,  
More than footmen...

JACK

I wish...  
And the Baker with his family

BABY

Waaah!

JACK

No, I miss...

CINDERELLA & BAKER

I wish...

BABY

Waaah!

JACK

More then anything...

CINDERELLA, JACK, BAKER

More than the moon...

BAKER'S WIFE

There, there...

CINDERELLA

I wish to sponsor a Festival

BABY

Waaah!

BAKER  
More than life...

JACK  
I miss...

CINDERELLA  
The time has come for a Festival...

BABY  
Waaah!

BAKER'S WIFE  
Shh...

BAKER  
More than riches...

CINDERELLA  
And a ball...

JACK  
I miss my kingdom up in the sky

CINDERELLA & BAKER  
More than anything...

BAKER'S WIFE  
I wish we had more room...

BAKER  
Another room...

NARRATOR  
But despite some minor inconveniences,  
they were all quite content...

CINDERELLA  
I never thought I'd wed a Prince...

CINDERELLA's PRINCE  
I never thought I'd find perfection...

BOTH  
I never thought I would be so happy!

CINDERELLA  
Not an unhappy moment since...

JACK & MOTHER  
I didn't think we'd be this rich...

CINDERELLA'S PRINCE  
Not a conceivable objection...

BAKER & WIFE  
I never thought we'd have a baby...

CINDERELLA, PRINCE, JACK, MOTHER  
I didn't know I could be so happy!

BAKER & WIFE  
I'm so happy!

STEPMOTHER  
Happy now,  
Happy hence,  
Happy ever after-

FLORINDA, LUCINDA, STEPMOTHER  
We're so happy you're so happy!  
Just as long as you stay happy,  
We'll stay happy!...

CINDERELLA & PRINCE  
Not one row...

JACK'S MOTHER  
Pots of pence...

JACK  
With my cow...

BAKER & WIFE  
Little gurgles....

CINDERELLA'S PRINCE  
Darling, I must go now...

JACK'S MOTHER  
We should really sell it

BAKER  
Where's he cheesecloth?

ALL (except Baker)  
Wishes may bring problems,  
Such that you regret them.

ALL

Better that, though,  
Than to never get them...

CINDERELLA  
I'm going to be a perfect wife!

JACK  
I'm going to be a perfect son!

BAKER'S WIFE & JACK'S MOTHER  
I'm going to be a perfect mother!

BAKER  
I'm going to be a perfect father!  
I'm so happy!

CINDERELLA, JACK, MOTHER, BAKER'S WIFE  
I'm going to see that he/she  
Is so happy!

ALL  
I never thought I'd love my life!  
I would have settled for another!

CINDERELLA  
Then to become a wife...

JACK & MOTHER  
Then to be together for life...

BAKER & WIFE  
Then to beget a child...

ALL  
That fortune smiled...  
I'm so happy!

(A loud rumbling noise is followed by an enormous crash. The Baker's house caves in. He is caught underneath the rubble as his Wife runs forward with their baby. The Witch enters.)

BAKER  
Have you done this to our house?

WITCH  
Always thinking of yourself! Look at my garden.

BAKER  
Destroyed!

BAKER's WIFE  
Who could do such a thing?

BAKER  
Do you think it was a bear?

WITCH  
A bear? Bears are sweet.  
Besides, you ever see a bear with forty-foot feet?

BAKER'S WIFE  
Dragon?

WITCH  
No scorch marks,  
Usually they're linked

BAKER  
Manticore?

WITCH  
Imaginary

BAKER & WIFE  
Griffin?

WITCH  
Extinct

BAKER  
Giant?

WITCH  
Possible.  
Very, very, possible...

NARRATOR  
More than possible. Their fears would  
prove to be well founded.

BAKER  
Into the woods,  
It's always when  
You think at last  
You're through, and then  
Into the woods you go again  
To take another journey

BAKER'S WIFE  
Into the woods,

The weather's clear,  
We've been before,  
We've naught to fear...  
Into the woods, away from here-

JACK  
Into the woods to find a giant-!

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD  
Into the woods to Grandmother's house...

BAKER  
Into the woods,  
The path is straight,  
No reason then  
To hesitate-

BAKER'S WIFE  
Into the woods,  
It's not to late,  
It's just another journey...

CINDERELLA  
Into the woodsm  
But not too long:  
The skies are strange,  
The winds are strong.  
Into the woods to see what's wrong...

JACK  
Into the woods-  
To slay the giant!

BAKER'S WIFE  
Into the woods-  
To shield the child...

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD  
To flee the winds...

BAKER  
To find a future...

BAKER'S WIFE  
To shield...

JACK  
To slay...

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD  
To flee...

BAKER  
To find...

CINDERELLA  
To fix...

BAKER'S WIFE  
To hide...

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD  
To move...

JACK  
To battle...

CINDERELLA  
To see what the trouble is...

(Rapunzel screams)

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